

METHAMPHETAMINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) is recognized for 60 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, the subject of my Special Order this hour is how meth is ravaging our communities in the United States. Yet in our budget, in our appropriations, it is called on to eliminate what are called Byrne grants and the HIDTA program reduced by 56 percent.

Let us talk a little bit about what meth does. I have a picture here from the Des Moines Register of a 13-year-old Iowa girl, a very pretty little girl. Unfortunately, she became hooked on meth. This is the before. This is within a year later. It is kind of a grainy picture, but you can see a stark difference. Unfortunately, even though her mother tried rescuing her from this life-style, this little girl committed suicide. Meth is just an incredibly difficult drug to try and break free from.

In my home State, Duaine Bullock, the captain of narcotics unit in Lincoln that the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY) represents, gave a sobering assessment of the growing meth problem in Nebraska and just said pointblank, we have got a gigantic problem. He is right on the mark. According to Nebraska Attorney General John Bruning, 60 percent of the inmates in Nebraska jails have a problem with meth. The number of people in Nebraska jails for possessing, selling, or manufacturing meth has more than doubled since 1999.

When we talk about this fight against meth in our communities, the front line of this war, of our war on meth and drugs, the fastest growing drug in the Nation, meth has produced a wider and more extensive array of problems than any other narcotic we have ever faced before. It is no longer just a rural or Midwestern issue. The Byrne grants that I mentioned casually goes directly to our front line warriors, our local police and our sheriff. It is those folks that are going to know where the drugs are located, which houses perhaps in a certain community have meth labs or will see some of the characteristics within that family unit or that home that can lead them to the conclusion that perhaps a meth lab is in operation there.

And so it makes no sense to me, Mr. Speaker, that we have a proposal in front of Congress to completely elimi-

nate the Byrne/JAG grants which are the dollars that go to local police departments to help them become prepared and enter into task forces all the way up to the Federal level. What we are seeing is a system of centralization of our war on drugs away from our front line warriors to the Nation's capital. While I certainly can maybe not respect, but at least understand, why a drug czar, a department, would want to consolidate its own power, I think is doing it against the best interests of this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce another gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE). Frankly, he has been on the front lines bringing this issue to the attention of just about anyone that will listen over the last 3 years. It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and colleague from the Third District of Nebraska.

Mr. OSBORNE. I certainly thank the gentleman for yielding. Obviously, I have the worst affliction that a politician can have. I have laryngitis. I am playing hurt tonight. This is an all-Nebraska deal, it looks like. I really appreciate the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) organizing this. This is a very important issue. Probably half the States at the present time have a serious meth problem, but the ones that do not have it are going to have it. We think the whole country needs to be aware.

I would just like to provide a little background here. Methamphetamines first came into prominence during World War II. Quite often the Japanese kamikaze pilots were given meth. It gets you in such a euphoric state that you will take off in an airplane with not enough gas to return and think you are still going to make it somehow.

It obviously has a powerful pull. It is the most highly addictive drug that is known to man. In many cases, one exposure to methamphetamine renders the victim permanently addicted. Sometimes people take methamphetamine without even knowing what it is they are getting into. It provides a high that will last from 6 to 8 hours. It dumps a huge amount of dopamine which makes you feel good and, of course, eventually the next time it takes a little bit more and a little bit more and so on. It provides increased energy. Many working mothers, people working two jobs, will eventually get drawn into meth, truck drivers that want to stay out on the road for 48 to 72 hours. Some people on meth will stay awake for a week, sometimes even 2 weeks.

It does provide some energy. It also will provide the ability to lose weight, which is very attractive. On top of that, it is relatively cheap. In any place where you have a problem with cocaine or with heroin, meth will fix the problem, because it is cheaper, it is more powerful and almost without exception when meth comes in, the other things begin to decrease but the meth problem is so much worse that obvi-

ously the community is much worse off.

Whatever goes up must come down. I guess that is a law of physics, and so the accompanying emotions to meth abuse are anxiety, depression, hallucinations. Sometimes it is psychotic behavior. Violent behavior is often a side effect. Most meth addicts have what is known as crank bugs. They have the feeling that there is something crawling under their skin, and so they try to pick them out. We could have shown you some very graphic pictures tonight of people who have tremendous lesions on their skin. Maybe the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) has some of those.

Methamphetamine abuse always causes brain damage. Every time it destroys brain cells. A young person, maybe 18, 19 years old, who has been on meth for a year, will have a brain scan that will look almost identical to an 80-year-old Alzheimer's patient. You cannot distinguish the two. There are so many brain lesions, so much damage to the brain. It is very common, obviously, in rural areas because if you are going to manufacture methamphetamine, the odor is very distinct and so people seek out abandoned farmsteads. Sometimes they have mobile labs where they make it in the back of a van or something like that, but they usually like to stay out away from people.

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The ingredients in methamphetamine are somewhat startling and a little bit bizarre. Pseudophedrine is, of course, the one ingredient that they have to have. In addition, oftentimes they use lithium batteries, drain cleaner, starter fluid, anhydrous ammonia, and iodine. So it is a tremendously toxic brew that is developed; and as a result, it costs about \$5,000 or \$6,000 to clean up a meth lab. It is very expensive. In some parts of the central United States, I believe Iowa had about 1,500 meth labs year; Missouri, around 2,000. So that is about \$10 million just to clean up the meth labs alone. And, of course, most of those funds come from the Byrne grants and the HIDTA grants that we were talking about.

If we think about the cost of methamphetamine abuse, in our area most of the child abuse, most of the child neglect, most of the infant death, young people death, foster care are caused by methamphetamine today. So it is a very difficult situation and very costly.

The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) has already mentioned the Federal prison cells and the jail cells. So the last comment I will have today is simply this, that we are not saving money by cutting the Byrne grants. We are not saving money by cutting HIDTA because the average meth addict in Nebraska commits 60 crimes a year. So if we have 10 meth addicts in a community, that is 600 crimes.

The line of first defense is those law enforcement officers that the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY)

showed. And these are the people who rely almost exclusively on the Byrne grants and on the HIDTA grants, the HIDTA grants are high-intensity drug traffic grants, and we have a huge amount of methamphetamine coming up from the southwest part of the United States and Mexico, going across Nebraska on Interstate 80. And the only way to intercept that and the only way to handle those drugs is with HIDTA. So we would urge Congress, other Members in this body, to support our efforts to restore those funds.

And I would again like to thank the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY), who will speak shortly, for their efforts in this regard. We have approached the Speaker. We have talked to the appropriators, and we are making every effort that we can.

I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the gentleman's time in playing hurt. I am sure there have been times when he was coaching that he encouraged people with sore throats to get out and take one for the team; so I appreciate that.

The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) raised several good points that I will take some time on. He talked about some of the rather toxic ingredients. In fact, where I live in Valley, Nebraska, at least for the next day or two before we moved, the Saturday night before last there was a meth bust just about a half mile outside of town, and it was rather interesting in driving by and seeing the number of fire trucks and Hazmat units that are there. And what people do not understand, although the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) outlined the recipe in some of the ingredients, including bleach and anhydrous pneumonia and other ingredients, it is highly toxic but it is also highly flammable, which is why it is incredible to me that during some of these meth police busts they raid these homes and there are toddlers in these homes.

So it has an impact not only on our police departments but our fire departments who have to coordinate these drug busts where they find these labs. And as the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) also mentioned, we can find them just about anywhere. In fact, in a very affluent area of west Omaha just a few months ago, they made a drug bust of a mobile lab literally in the trunk of a car at a department store. So there are people that will build them in any place they can.

As I introduce the gentleman from Lincoln, Nebraska, I want to explain to anyone who is listening here tonight when we talk about the HIDTA grant, it is an acronym for high-intensity drug trafficking area. That is the grant that comes to local police departments to train them in how to handle a situation. Obviously, as we talked about the very volatile toxic explosive nature of a meth lab, since it is the local police

departments that are on the front line that will be reading that particular house, that will be making the arrest, they want to make should that they understand the totality of the circumstances they are engaging in and how to protect themselves.

Also, as the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) pointed out, it is such an intense high under meth that these folks literally do not know or understand what they are doing, and they have a high propensity for violence. But yet sometimes they look completely normal for that particular instance that a policeman could be walking by. So they have to be trained in the subtleties of what to look for to see or determine if someone is under the influence of meth and in understanding that even though that person may appear calm for that particular instant in time that that person becoming violent is just inherent to the nature of the drug. So they have to train them how to handle that violent situation with a person under the influence.

Also, part of the HIDTA grant trains them how to work with other law enforcement agencies. In fact, HIDTA is set up into territories where they can literally have agencies across jurisdictions, whether it is Douglas County and Lancaster County official working together or our local police departments or even into Iowa, the gentleman from Iowa's (Mr. KING) district, who wanted to be with us here tonight but, like our colleague from the third district, is suffering from the same ailment. So it allows them to learn how to put the task forces together and share each other's talents and resources.

With that, so he can get on with his evening, let me introduce the gentleman from the First District of Nebraska in his first year here but nonetheless is jumping right into the issues that are affecting the people of Nebraska the most and the deepest. So I appreciate his instantly getting involved in the meth issue of Nebraska.

Therefore, I yield to the gentleman from the First District of Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY).

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the honorable gentleman from the second district for bringing attention to the severity of this problem in our State and throughout many parts of America as well.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell the Members when I am at home with local law enforcement, I ask a simple question: What is going on, sheriff? And nearly every time the answer is the same, a single word, "meth." And methamphetamine, commonly known as meth, as we have discussed, is a potent and highly addictive stimulant; and it is taking a terrible human toll across rural America. In fact, my hometown sheriff, Terry Wagner, recently recounted a story about a boy who had been addicted to meth for 9 years, and it is this prolonged exposure to these toxic chemicals that has caused such

severe brain damage that it has given this young man an irreversibly wasted brain of an advanced Alzheimer's patient.

In Butler County, Sheriff Mark Heckler estimated that 90 percent of the prisoners he sees in jail have been involved with meth either as dealers or users or cookers.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I had read from our State Attorney General Jon Bruning, who is doing a fantastic job in that position, that it is 60 percent. But I did too have a local law enforcement officer that suggested it is higher than that, at least when we add the totality. He said, first of all, there are many of the folks in our State prison that are there because they are involved with meth; that they are dealing, cooking, distributing; or that they committed a crime while high on meth or, getting up to about that 90 percent figure, they are out burglarizing, robbing, plundering to get money to buy the drug. So many of our local officers feel that it is as high as 90 percent, whether it is directly related to the distribution or cooking of meth or just that they are so hooked that they are out robbing money to get it.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TERRY. I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, their ramifications are certainly widespread. Butler County, as I just mentioned, is a serene place, a farming community, a wonderful place to raise a family. And yet this shocking statistic of 90 percent is very real and disturbing. The sheriff also reported the same problem that the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) mentioned, that he finds small portable labs for production even in the back of cars. So meth is a particular threat to our rural communities, partly because it can be cooked in this way from small batches from readily available ingredients such as chemicals commonly used in fertilizer and cold medicines, as has been mentioned.

Something else to mention, though, is that concocting meth is itself a toxic activity, and it requires a combination of deadly chemicals at high temperatures. Hazardous fumes are produced, and poisonous fires and explosions are common, as the gentleman is aware. Toxic waste is invariably dumped, which spoils the environment and requires dangerous and costly clean-up, another adverse impact of this problem.

Let me tell the Members, as well, that in 2000 Nebraska law enforcement discovered 38 labs. In 2004 they dismantled over 300, and one search for a missing person in a wooded area actually turned up 15 meth labs in a 3-square mile area. And, of course, many go undiscovered.

I would like to add a few comments about what can potentially be done about the tide of meth sweeping the

country, and I think there are three approaches that do deserve our attention. First, State efforts to control the spread by controlling the access to its component chemicals, I believe, should be applauded, and smart controls on the sale of cold medicines are also a reasonable idea that may be considered at the Federal level. Second, and the gentleman has mentioned this additionally, the antidrug task force has maximized the effectiveness of law enforcement, particularly with overlapping jurisdictions. And I believe lawmakers, as he does, in Washington must listen to those who are on the front lines in the battle against meth and give them the tools they need to protect our communities this week, this month, this year.

Third, we must also recognize the national scope of the meth problem. It is estimated that 85 percent of the meth in Nebraska comes from large out-of-state labs in Arizona, California, and Mexico. These superlabs do not get their chemicals from the local drug store, but depend on multi-state and multi-national suppliers. This is why we also need a focused and multi-national, a coordinated national, strategy to stamp out meth. And I believe it is the job of the Federal Government to keep meth and its chemical precursors from crossing State borders. Existing regulations on the sale of meth chemicals should be enforced; and the development, again, of alternative compounds in cold medicines could also be determined and encouraged.

Mr. Speaker, finally, let me add that meth is clearly addictive and deadly; and I urge all to avoid it. There is no future in meth.

And again I want to thank the gentleman from the Second District of Nebraska for his willingness to spend this evening discussing this very difficult issue for our State, but a difficult issue as well for many other areas that are facing this widespread problem.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his efforts in this.

I too have a police and sheriff task force like he has put together; and it is amazing, just 2 years ago when we met, asking what the most significant issue was facing them on a daily basis or what some of the trends are. They said, well, definitely meth. But we are not necessarily seeing it in the inner city of Omaha, the gangs there that are still running the traditional drugs of cocaine, crack, and marijuana.

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Mostly what we are seeing is they were telling me 2 years ago is that the meth is more of a rural issue, but it is starting to come in through the suburbs and they are seeing a great deal of the problems as we had just mentioned, the crime that is associated with the addiction, whether it is crimes committed while high or crimes committed to get high.

When I met with them probably about 9 or 10 months ago again I asked

the same question. They said the drugs the gangs are running are almost exclusively meth now. They are coming from two different directions. We still have the rural issue, where some of the ingredients are so readily available and you can go to your corner drugstore and get the pseudoephedrine out of Sudafed and other materials to make it, but the gentleman mentioned that that is incredibly important in our fight here.

Meth has become basically a war on two fronts. You have got the labs that are being operated by individuals, because they are so easy to put together, the ingredients are very accessible, although in Nebraska our State legislature, fortunately, is dealing with it, and probably by the end of this week we will have Sudafed behind the counter. It is too bad we have to do that to our local retailers. But that is one border.

Traditionally what we have tried to fight is the pop-up labs, particularly in rural areas, or mobile labs. But now you have the super labs in Mexico that are running the drugs up, and it is the same pattern we have seen with cocaine others. It comes from Central America into L.A. and Phoenix and the other gang headquarters and through their distribution schemes throughout the rest of the United States. That is where we are seeing it come into Nebraska now, and that is why it is becoming an inner-city drug as well. Now it has just infiltrated every part of our community in the last few years.

The gentleman mentioned something else, the brain damage that is caused from this. You begin that deterioration of the brain cells, as the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) mentioned, with the dopamine, the rush that gets you. It is such an intense rush of that chemical that it literally fries the synapses and cannot be restored. You are literally frying your brain. Those cannot be absorbed.

The first area that goes is your ability to make decisions. That is the first part of the brain that is affected by meth. That is why we see an incredible tolerance to the drug. You start craving it and craving it. The Catholic Charities in Nebraska, when I toured them about 3 years ago, it was all alcohol and some cocaine. Now it is almost exclusively, 90 to 95 percent, meth cases that come in there now. They told me when I toured a few months ago they cannot cure them. Even those that have only smoked or ingested or injected or however they used it a few times, it has done enough damage to the decision-making part of your brain that you cannot reason; you cannot say this is bad for me, so I am going to quit. You just lost that ability. So you have a drug that forces you, I should not say forces you, but you have lost that ability to say "no" to it anymore.

This is what happens. This poor little girl was 13-years-old. The gentleman has a daughter that is only a couple years younger than her and I have a

son a couple years younger. I think of the gentleman's daughter and my son as just little kids, but yet they are being exposed to this.

Mr. Speaker, getting back to cutting the Byrne grants and HIDTA, this statistic shows how our local law enforcement officers working in task forces with the Federal agencies have been able every year from 1999 to 2003 to steadily discover and demolish a vast number of meth labs. But, as you see here, even though this is not full reporting, it is going to be pretty close, in 2004 a slight drop.

I think the slight drop can be accounted for in two ways: Number one, I would say that the Byrne funding was working and helping our local law enforcement find those labs, but also then as I mentioned with the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY), we are seeing now this has become in drug trade like cocaine, where it is imported through Mexico into the major cities and then distributed through the gang distribution system.

Now, let me get to a couple of final points here. In the White House's fiscal 2006 budget that was delivered this year, it requested to eliminate the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program, which provided \$634 million to law enforcement agencies nationwide, including almost \$2.2 million for Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Patrol estimates that nine of eleven State antidrug task forces that were created with this Byrne grant funding would have to be dismantled. The White House's budget also recommends reducing the HIDTA program by 56 percent. Again, those are the multi-State and local drug trafficking meth training programs. For Nebraska, ours is located in the Kansas City region.

The Byrne and the HIDTA programs are the primary tools through which the Federal Government integrates State and local law enforcement into the national drug control strategy. Tom Constantine, a former head of the Drug Enforcement Agency, recently testified to Congress that he could not recall a single case during his tenure that did not begin as a referral from State and local law enforcement, including many through Byrne and HIDTA task forces. So when we talk about the centralization, pulling the power from the local enforcement agencies to the Federal Government, you are talking about really emasculating our drug enforcement policy. Tom Constantine said every one of their referrals started at the local level.

There is a clear link between drugs and violence that I think we have covered fully here tonight, and these Byrne grants are providing cities and counties with the resources that are necessary to share the information and dismantle regional drug distribution rings. And before Byrne and HIDTA, by the way, when our local police members were out on their own, they did

not have the power to work with the Federal agencies and task forces to take the meth and trace it back to their origination and be able to dismantle these incredible drug rings.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude this tonight with a couple of somewhat lengthy, but I will read fast, the works of some of our local police officers.

I will start with Police Chief Melvin Griggs in Gering, Nebraska. He said: "I am the police chief of a city of 8,000 people. We are bordered by a town of 13,000. In 1989, the increase in the cocaine drug traffic prompted us to start a drug task force. The wealth of the people dealing allowed them to purchase property, semi-trucks and farms. They were becoming very powerful. They were also starting to challenge each other for control of the drug trade.

"One family we put away caused a drop of all criminal activity by 33 percent. Within a year, people were already starting to fill the void. But before they could reach the power base, we were always able to stop them because of the task force.

"Meth replaced cocaine. I have lived in this area for 60 years. We did not have murders, and now we have several every year. Our drug task force also helps investigate violent crime. We have seven agents highly trained. They have been able to solve most of these crimes. If we had ever been able to increase the task force, they may have been able to stop some of them. Yet the task force has remained the same.

"It has taken years to develop this team, to develop the cooperation and expertise. Taking away the funding to keep it going will defeat the progress in a matter of months. The dealers will again gain strength, and by the time our leaders realize the mistake they have made by taking these funds, many communities will have developed catastrophic results. Then the leaders will return the funds. It will take years to develop the level of response we now have, and we may never get it, as the problem may have well become beyond our reach.

"I have talked to other police chiefs, and we are not the only community facing this problem. Maybe we have not been vocal enough. We have seen this every day, it is in all of our newspapers, it is on CNN. It is hard for us to believe that anyone cannot understand this problem. It is hard for us to believe that they really plan on a significant reduction in funding. It is hard for us to believe that whoever wrote this article on task forces being ineffective has any idea what a task force does. I hope reason prevails. Reducing this funding is a serious mistake."

Another Nebraska police chief, Stephen Sunday of David City, heads up a 12 county, 28 agency multi-jurisdictional drug task force funded with Byrne dollars. He told me, again it is a rather lengthy quote, "Those grant dollars are the only, and I mean only way the task force was able to form as a group. In South-Central Nebraska there are nothing but small, rural law

enforcement agencies that cannot afford to deal with drug investigations to the degree that we are able to do with Federal grant funding.

"Our primary goal is to investigate the individuals who are dealing drugs in our communities. The drug of choice is meth, and I am here to tell you that meth is a killer, a killer of families, of lives and of health. Health costs for dealing with meth users is terrific. Families cannot afford it.

"The drug task forces are the only effective means of going after the drug dealers. On our own, we cannot handle it. The first problem is that most of the drug dealers in rural Nebraska know all of the law enforcement officers by name and know that we are spread thin. Working with undercover investigators, our task force is able to get next to the drug dealers, but it takes money to have your own separate, dedicated drug investigators.

"By banding together with the Federal Government through Federal dollar grants we can fight the drug dealers. The task forces share intelligence information, which did not happen prior to the creation of Nebraska's drug task forces.

"The intelligence information is so important to us that if the drug task forces are shut down due to lack of Federal funding, then we will be in serious trouble. If the drug dealers find out that the government is cutting off grant funding and as a result the task forces fold up and go away, they will be holding a big party to rejoice at this news. If Federal funding is taken away, the drug task forces in the State of Nebraska will fold up shop and disappear.

"We cannot fund the task forces by ourself. If Congress wants to hear an angry outcry from rural America, take away our task force funding. See what happens. Our Federal elected officials will be eaten alive by the voters. If Congress wants to be progressive and deal with illegal drugs, give us back our funding.

"The Federal Government needs to take care of issues at home more than anywhere else. Public safety needs need to be a high priority. If the drug task force is shut down from a lack of Federal funding, the illegal drug problem in rural America will get out of control and you will pay dearly in ruined lives. Don't take away Federal funding that was coming from the Byrne grant dollars."

As the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) mentioned in his talk a few days ago myself, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE), the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) met with the Speaker to express our frustration with any proposed cuts to Byrne grants and HIDTA funding. The Speaker was completely knowledgeable and empathetic with this and promised to help us work with it. So I really appreciate that the leadership in the House of Representatives shares the concern that the speakers did tonight during this special

order, as well as the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER), the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) and the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING), who could not be here tonight.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of continuing to recuperate from surgery.

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of family reasons.

Mr. LATOURETTE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. POE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DEGETTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CLEAVER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, May 24, 25, 26, and 27.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, May 24.

Mr. HOSTETTLER, for 5 minutes, May 24.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation should issue a clear and unambiguous statement of admission and condemnation of the illegal occupation and annexation by the Soviet Union from 1940 to 1991 of the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, to the Committee on International Relations.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.